7/17/75

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of 7/13 and the great news about PM. Your attempt at enticement virtually had me salivating, for if I could I'd do anything in my power to help, incl. rewrite. But the problem is there is just about nothing I can do, at least for a while. School keeps me more than busy, and does not let out till 3rd week in August, at which time I hadn't intended to come north. I can't commit myself on the end of the summer now because there are too many uncertainties in my life now to say (incl. situation with parents).

But I am genuinely torn, because I do so much want to help. Also, this quarter here is a drag, classes are a waste of time, and my motivation has dwindled considerably as a result. About the only thing keeping me going is my law review work. So it's really killing me to have sit here up to my neck in work I'm half-interested in doing when I could be helping you. But I hope you understand that I'm halfway into the quarter now and can't drop out.

I assume you plan to print all 3 PM's in one book, incl. massive appendix. It sounds like an enormous volume! My personal suggestion at this date is to leave out PMI and replace it with a very short condensation of only that which is absolutely necessary to understand all that follows. The bulk of material is already tremendous, and I'm afraid of that the really important stuff might be buried in the sheer volume of the book. Also, if you recall I sent you a series of notes concerning errors I found in I & III, and other suggestions for change. Have you already made the corrections? There were some erros that had to be changed (factual errors). If you can't find my notes, I have a set of copies at home, but not with me here.

I have been able to do some NAA research at the law library twixt'n tween other things, and have been sending you some things I've found. It would seem that the kind of basic info about the test procedures, etc. could be obtained from AEC or Gulf Atomic, possibly through Guinn. Am I duplicating research Jim has already done? A lot of what I've found I virtually stumbled onto, and most of it can be easily located through basic research in a law library. I've also come across a few Law Review articles on NAA, which deal mostly with evidenciary aspects, but may refer to more authoritative sources such as you desire. One citation, offhand, is 37 Missouri Law Rev 306.

Your references on further events in latest FOIA suit are too vague for me to make much of them. Has something new been released since first release of spectro & NAA? I'm still awfly in the dark on this, as I've still not gotten a copy of your affidavit re spectro.

Keep me posted, and if there is anything I can do from here, just ask and I'll try to help. Again, I'm really sorry I can't be up there helping you now, because that is where my heart is.

Best,

Harold